Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-29)   (Canceled).

30)   (Currently amended):   A method of defining rules for performing a guard patrol of one or more checkpoints, the method comprising the steps of:

a)   assigning an identifier to each of said rules a rule to be defined;

b)   assigning a first time period to each of date range during which said rules rule, said first time period determining when said rule is valid;

c)   determining a time period during which said rule should be followed; and

d)   setting the number of required checkpoint visits for each location of said guard patrol, said checkpoint visits to occur during at least one time period within said first time period while allowing said visits to said locations to be in a random order; and

d)   permitting said locations to be visited in a random order.

31)   (Currently amended):   A method as defined in claim 30, wherein said first time period date range of said step(b) is selected from the group consisting of the said rule being valid always, the said rule being valid after a

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specified time ~~date~~, the said rule being valid until a specified time ~~date~~ and the said rule being valid only between an assigned range of times ~~dates~~.

32)   (Currently amended):   A method according to claim 30, wherein said at least one time period of said step(c) is selected from the group consisting of specific days of each week, specific days of each month, and specific days of each year.

33)   (Canceled):

34)   (Previously presented):   A method according to claim 30, further including the step of reporting an exception anytime a checkpoint is not patrolled pursuant to said rule.